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SUBJ: DISMISSALS OF PKI-CONNECTED UNIVERSITY STAFF MEMBERS

REF: SURABAYA A-14, SEPT 5, 1973

CONOFFS INFORMED BY RECTOR OF GADJAH MADA (GAMA) UNIVERSITY IN JOGJAKARTA THAT GAMA HAS BEEN ORDERED TO RE-SCREEN ALL UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES WITH PKI CONNECTIONS (UNION AFFILIATIONS, ETC) IN PRE-1965 COUP PERIOD AND TO DISMISS ALL THOSE WITH SUCH CONNECTIONS BY DEC. 31, 1975. RECTOR HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE. TARGET IS REPORTEDLY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RATHER THAN ACADEMIC STAFF. RECTOR SAID 646 MEMBERS OUT OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF 2500 ARE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL UNDER THIS PROGRAM. RECTOR INDICATED HE HAD SOME DISCRETION IN DECIDING INDIVIDUAL CASES, BUT IMPLIED THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AFFECTED PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO GO. ANOTHER FACULTY SOURCE TOLD CONOFFS THAT SOME VERY HIGH MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION ARE INVOLVED, INCLUDING ONE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANT TO RECTOR. RECTOR STATED HIS BELIEF THAT CURRENT PROGRAM IS NOT BEST TECHNIQUE FOR DEALING WITH FORMER MEMBERS OF PKI-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS. SAYING EFFECT WOULD MERELY BE TO MAKE DISMISSED EMPLOYEES "SAKIT HATI" (VENGEFUL) AGAINST GOI AND GAMA, BUT SAID HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO PROCEED WITH SCREENING. HE SAID HE WAS KEEPING PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRET FOR THE MOMENT, TO AVOID UNDULY UPSETTING STAFF (AND

IMPLIEDLY INVITING RETALIATION) IN ADVANCE OF FINAL DECISIONS.

COMMENT: ABOVE IS LATEST IN SERIES OF REPORTS RECEIVED HERE (REF) INDICATING NEAR-UNIVERSALITY OF SCOPE OF CURRENT GOI PROGRAM OF FIRINGS

OF FORMER PKI-AFFILIATE MEMBERS. IMPACT AT GAMA (FULLY ONE FOURTH OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF) MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF IMPACT AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES, AS GAMA WAS HEAVILY LEFTIST (PKI AND LEFT-WING PNI) IN ORIENTATION PRIOR TO 1965 COUP. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT GAMA IS ONLY UNIVERSITY INVOLVED IN CURRENT PROGRAM, OR THAT OTHER UNIVERSITIES WILL AVOID SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FROM PROGRAM.

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